

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, and 13-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 10, and 13-15 stand rejected. Claims 16-18 are allowed. Claim 9 has been objected to. Claims 1, 7, and 10 have been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto (U.S. Pat. No. 6,752,662) in view of Okada (U.S. Pat. No. 5,322,447). Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the first and second electrical contacts are integrally formed in one piece with the component of the electronic device.

Neither Okamoto nor Okada teaches or suggests this limitation. The above-referenced Office Action acknowledges that Okamoto does not show a housing having a first and second connector. Although Okada shows a device having multiple connectors, Okada does not show first and second electrical contacts integrally formed in one piece with and extending from a single component of an electronic device into first and second outer shells integrally formed in a housing of the device. For example, as shown in FIGS. 2 and 3 of Okada, the contacts in connectors 1, 2, and 3 are provided by a plurality of parallel layers of printed board 6 which are not formed in one piece with the printed board 6.

The remaining rejected claims of the present application include substantially the same relevant limitations and therefore patentably distinguish over the combination of Okamoto and Okada for at least the same reasons. Any dependent claims not specifically mentioned above include all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend, and therefore are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusions

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this response, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, applicant hereby requests any extension of time. Please charge any fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 501797.

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